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‹YOU DON'T LOVE ME ANYMORE.›

‹WHY DO YOU SAY THINGS LIKE THAT? YOU KNOW IT SPOOKS ME.›
‹I SUPPOSE THAT'S WHY I SAY IT.›
‹WELL, STOP IT.›
*TRANSLATED
‹YOU MIND IF I TAKE AN ENTERTAINMENT BREAK?›
‹JUST CLOSE THE POD.›

<OH, BABY.>

*MONITOR LINK

AAAHHH!!
<GOOD ONE.>
<UH-OH>
VEEP
VEEP
<THE HITCH IS UNLOCKING!>
<IF YOU FUCKING MESSED WITH THE-->
<I DIDN'T TOUCH SHIT!>

‹WE'RE GONNA LOSE THE CARGO!›
‹GET IN THE SUIT AND GET OUT THERE!›
‹WHO TOLD US TO PICK THIS THING UP ANYWAY?›
‹SHIT.›
‹WE'RE GONNA GET FIRED FOR SURE.›

SPLOOT!
400 YEARS LATER...
DEPARTMENT OF PLANETARY DEFENSE FLAGSTAFF, ARIZONA.
CAREFUL WITH THOSE...
...THOSE ARE SOME OF THE LAST COMPOSITES FROM THE HUBBLE. THEY'RE SHUTTING IT DOWN NEXT WEEK.
I THOUGHT THEY WERE FIXING IT?
I THOUGHT THEY WERE FIXING THE COFFEE MACHINE TOO, BUT THAT WAS OVER A YEAR AGO. BUT YOU'LL GET USED TO IT, DON'T WORRY.
UH, DOCTOR?
DR. WERTHAM?
WHAT THIS JOB LACKS IN GLAMOUR, IT MORE THAN MAKES UP FOR IN REPETITION.

WHAT'S THAT?
DEPARTMENT OF PLANETARY DEFENSE PERTH, AUSTRALIA
WE'RE LOGGING IT NOW... I'M CALLING IT 2005FW, FOR FRED WERTHAM.
WHAT I'M ASKING IS WHY IT WASN'T DISCOVERED SOONER? ALL WE NEED IS ANOTHER SCREW UP LIKE 2002MN AND I'M BREWING MY COFFEE OUT OF A FRYING PAN AGAIN...
WELL, I UH... IT JUST KIND OF, APPEARED...
TECHNICALLY, DR. CRIGHTON, 2005FW SHOULD HAVE BEEN SEEN BY AUSTRALIA DAYS AGO, BUT SINCE THIS NEO'S* FLIGHT PATH IS IN DIRECT ALIGNMENT WITH THE SUN, EARTH-BOUND DETECTION WOULD BE ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE
HOW IN HELL DID YOU SPOT IT, THEN?
*NEAR EARTH OBJECTS
ACTUALLY, DR. WERTHAM WAS SHOWING ME THE LATEST HUBBLE COMPOSITES WHEN ...HE MADE THE DISCOVERY.
WHAT WE DON'T HAVE, DR. CRIGHTON, IS DIAMETER OR TRAJECTORY. CALL SPACEGUARD, U.K.

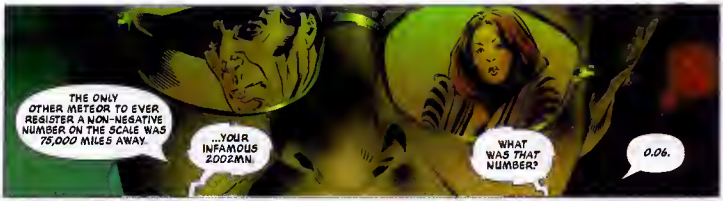
CLUSTER IS A WEATHER WATCHING CRAFT ONLY, CRIGHTON. THE ESA DID NOT INTEND IT FOR--
THE EUROPEAN SPACE AGENCY'S BEEN KISSING MY ASS SINCE YOU WERE STILL IN DIAPERS, OPIT. IT STILL OWES ME A FEW.
REGARDLESS, THE CLOSEST ANYTHING HAS EVER GOTTEN TO EARTH IN THE LAST HUNDRED YEARS WAS 2002MN, AND WITH ALL DUE RESPECT...

...NOBODY GAVE TWO FARTS.
2002MN WASN'T DISCOVERED UNTIL A WEEK AFTER IT HAD FLOWN PAST THE EARTH, GODDAMNIT. NOW YOU WANNA SNUB THIS ROCK, THAT'S YOUR CALL. BUT WHEN ARIZONA DISCOVERED THIS NEO, IT WAS DAYS AWAY FROM A POTENTIAL...

NOW IT'S LOOKING MORE LIKE HOURS. WHATEVER IT IS, IT'S HEADING OUR WAY AND IT'S COMING IN FAST. SO TAG, DR. OPIT. YOU'RE IT.
DR. LEMPIK OPIT...

GIVE ME AN HOUR.
SPACEGUARD U.K.

GET ME SOME NUMBERS, PEOPLE.
THE 'CLUSTER' QUARTET...
OUTER MAGNETOSPHERE
WROOP!
ACK!
OK, I'VE GOT GOOD NEWS AND BAD NEWS, GENTLEMEN. PICK YOUR POISON.
JUST GIVE US THE PALERMO BOY GENIUS, AND WE'LL LET YOU GET BACK TO YOUR VIDEO POKER.
AH, THE GOOD NEWS, THEN. THE PALERMO TST ON NEO 2005FW IS 86.6...
NEO WATCH
BULLSHIT.
WHAT'S A PALERMO?
ER...
THE PALERMO TECHNICAL SCALE OF THREAT MEASURES THE LIKELIHOOD OF A NEAR EARTH OBJECT COLLIDING WITH THE EARTH.


THE ONLY OTHER METEOR TO EVER REGISTER A NON-NEGATIVE NUMBER ON THE SCALE WAS 75,000 MILES AWAY.
...YOUR INFAMOUS ZOOZMN.
WHAT WAS THAT NUMBER?
0.06.

NEO WATCH

HOW DO WE NEUTRALIZE IT?!
CALL THE PRESIDENT!
JESUS CHRIST.
CALL NASA!
WHAT ARE THE COORDINATES?
HOLD ON... TELL US THE BAD NEWS

BAD NEWS IS IT'S SMALL. ZOOSFW IS APPROXIMATELY 0.15 MILES IN DIAMETER. ABOUT 300 YARDS... LOCALIZED DAMAGE AT BEST.
LET'S SEE WHAT NASA HAS TO SAY.
ALREADY DID. THEY'RE GOING TO COVER THE ENTRY AND IMPACT ON THE NASA CHANNEL TONIGHT. AND BESIDES...

...IT LOOKS LIKE IT'S TOUCHING DOWN IN THE MIDDLE EAST.
GREAT. WE'LL CALL HALLIBURTON.

HOW CAN "LOCALIZED DAMAGE" BE BAD NEWS? WAS HE HOPING FOR NUCLEAR WINTER?
HE MEANT BAD NEWS FOR US, THE LITTLE PRICK.
BUT WE FOUND THE METEOR. THAT'S OUR JOB. ISN'T IT?
AND YOU DID IT WELL, LITTLE LADY. NOT BAD FOR YOUR FIRST GO. BUT THE SIGN ON THE DOOR SAYS DEPARTMENT OF PLANETARY DEFENSE...
...AND THE LAST THING TO HIT THE EARTH OF ANY CONSEQUENCE WAS IN 1908. IN SIBERIA... IT KNOCKED DOWN A FEW MILLION TREES. ANYWAY, I BETTER GO FEED THE GNU'S. THEY'RE GETTING RESTLESS.
I'M STILL GOING TO WASHINGTON... DO A LITTLE PRESS. TRY TO SCARE SOME POLITICIANS. UH, YOU WANNA--
I'M GOING TO TAKE A BATH, POP IN A TV DINNER, PUT ON THE NASA CHANNEL, AND WATCH THE FUN.
...BY THE WAY, YOU'RE WELCOME.
FOR WHAT?
SPACE/TIME CONTINUUM
NASA: 2005 FW 'NOT A THREAT'...
Dr Fred Weitham Discovers Meteor. But is it too late for Dept of Planetary Defence?
York Times
Deep Impact? Meteor Strike Not Likely to Impact Dow Jones
THE JERUSALEM POST
Sign from God? Meteor set to strike Holy Land - What side will it take out?

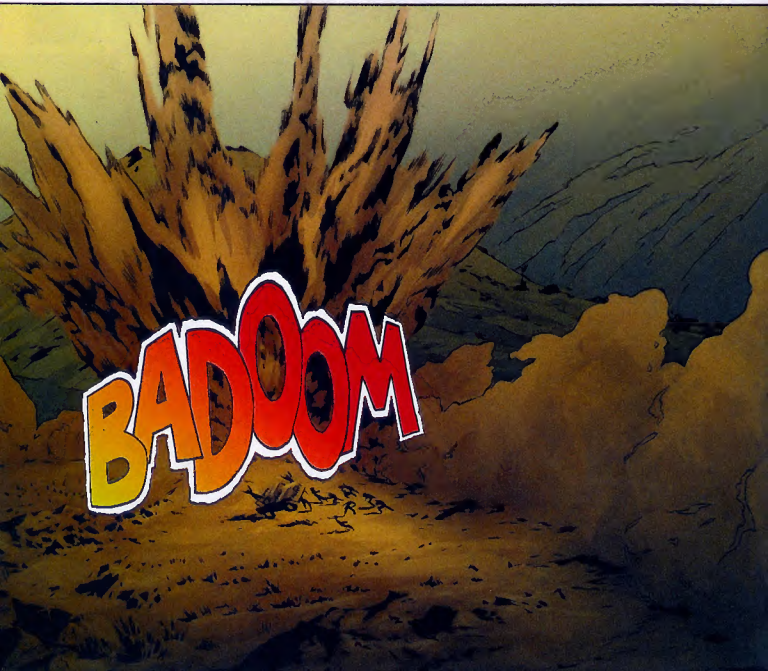
HI, KIDS!
HI, ASTRONAUT DAVE!!! HI, ASTRONAUT SUSAN!!!
3RD GRADE SCIENCE CLASS PAUL REVERE ELEMENTARY ROANOKE, VIRGINIA
HI, CHILDREN. WELCOME TO THE INTERNATIONAL SPACE STATION!
WE ONLY HAVE A FEW MINUTES. THEN WE HAVE SOME IMPORTANT NASA MISSIONS TO COMPLETE, SO LET'S HEAR YOUR QUESTIONS!

HOW DO YOU GO TO THE BATHROOM IN SPACE?
YOU WANNA TAKE THIS ONE, DAVE?
HA HA HA HA HA
WE ER... HAVE SPECIAL EQUIPMENT WE USE FOR GOING TO THE BATHROOM SO THAT NONE OF THE WASTE IS
SHIT.
BEEEEEEEEEEEEEE!

...ONLY DISCOVERED RECENTLY ALTHOUGH NASA DID NOTIFY THE U.S. DEFENSE ORGANIZATIONS AS WELL AS THE WHITE HOUSE...
OH, GOD...
...I'VE BEEN TRYING TO WARN THESE WASHINGTON MORONS FOR YEARS... AND NOW INNOCENT PEOPLE WILL SUFFER BECAUSE YOU'D RATHER LISTEN TO.. THANK YOU. THAT'S WERTHAM. W-E-R-T-...
CRIKEY.
...WE CAN ENSURE THE SAFETY OF AMERICA AND THE WORLD. I HAVE BEEN INFORMED THAT THE OBJECT ENTERING THE EARTH'S ATMOSPHERE IS HEADING TOWARDS NO MAJOR LAND MASSES AND ACCORDING TO TOP NASA SCIENTISTS, WILL LIKELY BREAK UP AS IT ENTERS THE... WHAT'S THAT? WHERE? I- I CAN'T HEAR A DAMN--
...IS NOW CHANGING TRAJECTORY. WASHINGTON CITIZENS SHOULD EXPECT LITTLE DAMAGE, BUT UNUSUAL WEATHER PATTERNS AS A RESULT OF THE...
YOU BETTER HOPE SO ASSHOLE

WHERE!?
...FUCK ME JESUS.

BLOEDRIVER, AFRICA
FWSSSH
BOOM!!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NGINESIYEZI!
KUSEDUZE NALAPHA?!

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